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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER'S UNERTAINTIES ON BUENOS AIRES

MFN AND CONCERN RE TRADE REFORM ACT

1. ON JANUARY 8, FOREIGN MINISTER RAMPHAL COMMENTED PRIVATELY AT LUNCHEON THAT IT SEEMED BUENOS AIRES MFN MIGHT FALL APART AND ASKED IF I HAD ANY INFORMATION. I SAID I HAD READ PRESS REPORTS THAT ECUADOR AND VENEZUELA WOULD NOT ATTEND BUT HAD NOTHING FURTHER. I ASKED "YOU ARE GOING, AREN'T YOU?" RAMPHAL REPLIED HE HAD INTENDED TO, BUT THAT HIS ATTENDANCE NOW DEPENDS ON DEVELOPMENTS.

2. RAMPHAL THEN BROUGHT UP U.S. TRADE ACT, COMMENTING MILDLY THAT IT SEEMED TO BE FIRST CONCRETE MANIFESTATION OF MUCH DISCUSSED SANCTIONS AGAINST PRODUCERS ASSOCIATIONS AND QUERIED WHETHER IT HAD BEEN SIGNED. I TOLD HIM THAT PRESIDENT FORD SIGNED IT AND ISSUED ACCOMPANYING STATEMENT INDICATING DISAGREEMENT WITH
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CERTAIN PORTIONS OF ACT, BUT CONCLUSION THAT OVERALL EFFECT

BENEFICIAL BOTH FOR U.S. AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES. RE SANCTIONS,
I NOTED THAT THOUGH ACT REFLECTED CONGRESSIONAL DISPLEASURE AT
SUPPLY-RESTRICTIVE AND PRICE-RAISING CARTELS, I DID NOT CONSIDER
MERE WITHHOLDING OF FUTURE UNILATEAL CONCESSIONS TO BE A SANCTION.
RAMPHAL INQUIRED WHETHER ACT WOULD APPLY TO IBA. I SAID INFORMAL
INTERPRETATION WAS THAT IT DID NOT RPT NOT APPLY TO IBA AS PRESENTLYT
CONSTITUTED BUT THAT IT COULD APPLY IF IBA RESTRICTED SUPPLY
OR MANDATED INFLATED PRICE.
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